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FOR: *APPROACH TO SHORT MEASUREMENT PATH-LENGTH FLOW
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is being filed in response to a Final Office Action mailed from the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 21, 2003 in the above-identified application and for which a response is due on January 21, 2003. This response is being filed within two months of the final office action. This response is believed to be timely filed. If, however, a petition for extension is required please consider this paper such a petition. Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0369 in connection with any fees for extension of time that are necessary to permit entry of this response.

Please amend the application as follows: